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Dear Ms. Crawford,

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship ("OSBE") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 14-453 proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission ("NRC"). The proposed rule amends 312 IAC 9-1-5.3 governing the definition of crossbow. It amends 312 IAC 9-1-12 to correct the definition of "possession" of wild animals. It amends 312 IAC 9-2-4 governing the setting of traps or nets to take a wild animal. It amends 312 IAC 9-3-2 governing general requirements and licenses for deer hunting. It amends 312 IAC 9-3-3 governing equipment authorized for deer hunting. It amends 312 IAC 9-3-4 governing season dates and bag limits for deer hunting. It amends 312 IAC 9-3-9 governing the disposition of wild animals found dead. It amends 312 IAC 9-3-12 governing the taking of coyotes. It amends 312 IAC 9-3-15 governing the taking of nuisance wild animals on private property by or with the written permission of the resident landowner or tenant. It amends 312 IAC 9-3-16 governing the hunting of cottontail rabbits on a department property. It amends 312 IAC 9-3-18.6 governing wild pigs. It amends 312 IAC 9-4-8 governing the hunting of ring-necked pheasants. It amends 312 IAC 9-4-9 governing the hunting of bobwhite quail. It amends 312 IAC 9-4-10 to close the season for ruffed grouse. It amends 312 IAC 9-4-11 governing hunting wild turkeys. It amends 312 IAC 9-5-6 governing the collection and possession of reptiles and amphibians. It amends 312 IAC 9-5-7 governing the sale and transport for sale of reptiles and amphibians native to Indiana. It amends 312 IAC 9-6-1 governing definitions pertaining to fish and fishing activities. It amends 312 IAC 9-6-7 governing exotic fish. It amends 312 IAC 9-6-9 governing endangered species of fish. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-1 governing license requirements for sport fishing. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-2 governing sport fishing methods, except on the Ohio River. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-4 governing the taking of muskellunge and tiger muskellunge. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-6 governing the taking of black bass. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-9 governing the taking of crappie. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-10 governing the taking of sunfish. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-12 governing the taking of walleye, sauger, and saugeye. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-14 governing fish with no bag limit, possession limit, or size limit. It amends 312 IAC 9-8-4 governing commercial fishing on the Wabash River boundary waters. It amends 312 IAC 9-8-5 governing commercial fishing on inland water. It amends 312 IAC 9-12-4 governing notations on hunting license. It repeals 312 IAC 9-1-9 defining "hunter orange". It repeals 312 IAC 9-2-1 governing taking, chasing, and possessing wild animals. It repeals 312 IAC 9-2-5 prohibiting the netting and trapping of wild birds. It repeals 312 IAC 9-5-10 governing the possession and captive breeding of reptiles acquired before January 1, 1999. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

The economic impact statement prepared by the NRC states the impact on small businesses will be \$3,984 for check stations to enter information about deer and wild turkeys that are harvested on the Department of Natural Resources electronic harvest reporting system. However, the requirements for the check stations are less than the current requirements, since individuals will enter information on the computer instead of writing everything out by hand and mailing in the forms to the DNR. If the business does not already have a computer and internet, there would be an additional cost. OSBE does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232.5679 or ombudsman@osbe.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik Scheub".

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